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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: NORTH KOREA, GREEN DAM SOFTWARE, EASTERN
TURKISTAN, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Editorial Quotes

11. NORTH KOREA

"U.S. stance on the North Korea issue gets tougher"

The official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao)(06/11):
"Secretary Clinton recently implied that the U.S. will take tough
actions against North Korea. Analysts think the tougher stance by
the U.S. is related to subtle changes in the strategic assessment on
the North Korean issue by President Obama's national security team.
Before the U.S. precondition was that North Korea would give up
nuclear weapons in exchange for assistance. But now, North Korea
has changed its primary objective to being accepted as a nuclear
country and being able to sell technology through nuclear tests. If
this occurs, an arms race in the Northeastern Asia will begin. This
will pose a severe threat to the security interests of the U.S. The
possible tough actions by the U.S. on the North Korean issue are
still uncertain. The U.S. government, who has now adopted 'smart
power', must consider how far it should go between a tough attitude
and tough actions. The sentence on the two female American
journalists by North Korea further intensifies U.S.-North Korean
relations. In fact U.S.-North Korea relations are not yet in a
deadlock. The U.S. may soon send a special envoy to North Korea."

12. GREEN DAM SOFTWARE

"Editorial: Questionable move"

The official English-language newspaper China Daily (06/11): "The
Foreign Ministry has denied the allegation in the overseas media
that the "Green Dam" web-content filter to be installed in all
computers is part of a government effort to censor the Internet.
...In spite of the claim of parental endorsement, the mandate to
install the "Green Dam" web-content filter in all computers to be
sold in China is turning out to be more controversial and unwelcome
than decision-makers would like to believe. ...In an announcement on
May 29, the MIIT described the move as an extension of the campaign
against "vulgarity" in the cyberspace. ...The Chinese authorities
are not the first or only ones to intervene. Which is why the MIIT
feels wronged.
Proper parental oversight and guidance are believed to be necessary
and justifiable. ...There is a need for filtering software, but not
everyone needs it. So installing it on every unit sold is a
wasteful expenditure in the first place. ...A public hearing should
have been held prior to such a significant decision. ...Making it
obligatory is something different, and makes us wonder if the
decision-makers have seriously considered the complex legal
implications. If they have not, a number of questions have now been
thrown up for deliberation. Who is supposed to decide what is
pornographic, violent, or undesirable and deserves to be blocked?
What are the criteria? Who draws the line and on what basis? Are
software developers qualified to do that? How are citizens' freedom
of expression or right to know to be balanced against the need to

filter "unhealthy" content? Is there any basis in law for the MIIT to issue such an order at all? These are not questions that can be brushed away."

13. EATERN TURKISTAN

"Obama's relief comes amid China's fears"

English-language daily published by the People's Daily Global Times English (06/11): "After contacting about 100 governments and being rejected multiple times by its allies, the U.S. finally found Palau as the possible recipient for the 17 Chinese Uygurs in Guantanamo prison, the New York Times (NYT) reported Wednesday. For U.S. President Barack Obama, the release gives him 'some relief'. The report said. Obama has repeatedly promised to shut down the infamous prison in Cuba. For Chinese people, however, the transfer is probably the worst-case scenario. ...China has identified the 17 Uygurs as terrorists of the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) that is listed as a terrorist group by the UN Security Council. The U.S. has pledged \$200 million in long-term development aid to Palau, but a senior U.S. State Department official denied that it was a quid pro quo for the detainee deal that is still under negotiation. Not everyone in the U.S. is happy to see Obama fulfill his promise though. Sen. John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, called it 'ridiculous' and said Obama should abandon his campaign promise to close Guantanamo, 'He seems so determined to meet a deadline and create a symbolic move.'"

14. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

"To create a strategic environment for nuclear disarmament"

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The official Communist Party People's Daily (Renmin Ribao)(06/11): "The international society currently believes that the U.S. and Russia, who possess over 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons, have the main and indispensable responsibilities to fulfill overall nuclear disarmament. Under various pressures, the U.S. and Russia may possibly reach a transitional agreement for maintaining nuclear disarmament. But it requires further observation whether they can make any breakthroughs. It is notable that the U.S. seeks to deploy weapons from outer space while it is developing a missile defense system. This move, seeking their own strategic advantageous position around the globe, while at the price of other countries' security, has damaged the strategic environment for nuclear disarmament. The international society, in order to completely destroy nuclear weapons needs to insist on two principles: maintaining global strategic stabilities; and improving mutual trust between nations."

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